# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE LANDS AND RESTORATION SERVICES PROGRAM

Salmonid Screening, Habitat Enhancement & Restoration Division (SSHEAR)

# OFF-CHANNEL SITE INVENTORY DATA

**General Information:** 

Region: North Coast Observer(s): Powell

River System: Sol Duc Date: 1/27/98

**Site Identifier:** S-307L-03 **WRIA:** 20.0309 G (P)

River Mile Location: 1.2 mi (hip chained) RB/LB: LB

**Local Name:** Hereford Creek **Trib. to:** Shuwah Cr (20.0307)

Legal Description: SW¼ Sec15 T29N R13W County: Clallam

Habitat Type: Spring Channel

Landowner: () Federal () State () County () Other Government (X) Private

- Rayonier Timber Operating Co.

#### Directions to site:

Starting at Forks (Tillicum Park) drive north on Highway 101 for 5.3 miles (mp 197). Take a right on Maxfield Road and follow 0.65 mi to the logging road gate. A key to the gate can be obtained at the Rayonier Timber Office or DNR. Continue straight (crossing Shuwah Cr) for 0.3 mi, there will be a road to the right with a gate (key can be obtained from the Rayonier Timber Office). Go through the gate and follow road ~0.3 mi, there will be an east-west timber edge and adjacent (south) clear-cut. Follow this timber/clear-cut edge to the west (~350 m); channel should be apparent.

# Site Overview:

This a small, shallow spring channel that flows through dense brush. It may provide high water refuge. Low flows may be a limiting factor.

#### **Habitat Information:**

Water source: Springs and terrace runoff

#### Intermittent/year-around:

- Probably intermittent

Estimated flows (cfs): 1

Water temperatures: Did not take

Adjacent stream temperature: 7.0° C (20.0307)

#### Other water observations:

- During the initial survey, the river system was experiencing high flows due to recent rainfall.

Site area measurements: () Indirect (X) Direct () Combination

Widths: Channel- 1.0 m - 3.0 m Ponds- NA Wetlands- 1.0 - 3.0 Depths: Channel- 2.5 cm - 8 cm Ponds- NA Wetlands- 2.5 cm - 8 cm

Total length (includes ponds and wetlands): 415 m

# Total existing habitat area (est.): 690 m<sup>2</sup>

Spawning area:

0

Impounded area:

Other rearing area: 690 m<sup>2</sup>

Spawning Habitat conditions: (X) None () Poor () Fair () Good () Excellent

# Describe spawning habitat:

- The lower reach has a fine sediment substrate with patches of gravel.
- The mid and upper reaches have a mud substrate with traces of gravel.

Rearing habitat conditions: () None () Poor (X) Fair () Good () Excellent

# Describe pond and other rearing habitat:

- This stable, spring system may offer limited high water refuge.
- Depths in this channel are shallow.
- This channel is concealed in brush.
- The channel has blow-down and small woody debris as cover.
- There is some overhead canopy of alder and conifer.
- Springs seep throughout this channel.
- Low flow could be a limiting factor.

#### Describe unaccessible habitat:

Describe wetland: () Bog () Marsh () Scrub-shrub Wetland (X) Forested Wetland

- The upper reach has alder, brush, skunk cabbage and water parsley.

Flooding potential: (X) Low () Medium () High

#### Fish Information:

Site entry condition to (Shuwah Cr. 20.0307): (X) Poor () Fair () Good

- The channel egresses under a pile of small woody debris than flows into a rocky bar on Shuwah Creek.

#### Coho access and use:

Juvenile- (X) Unknown () None () Poor () Fair () Good

Adult- (X) Unknown () None () Poor () Fair () Good

Other species access and use: () Chum () Pink () Sockeye () Chinook (X) Trout

- Resident trout would likely use this channel if low flow is not a problem.

#### **Habitat Improvements:**

# **Enhancement opportunities:**

- Continue monitoring flows?

# **Additional Comments:**

# **Attachments Available:**

# Contact respective SSHEAR habitat biologist for the following checked items:

(X) Aerials (

(X) Sketch

(X) Maps

() Culvert Report

() Other references

() Spawning surveys

() Juvenile trapping

() Fishway Report

# NORTH COAST OFF CHANNEL SURVEY SUBSEQUENT SITE EVALUATION FORM

River System: Sol Duc

Site No.: S-307L-03 Site Name: Hereford Cr.

**WRIA:** 20.0309G

**DATE: 3-2-99** 

**OBSERVER:** Darrow

# MINNOW TRAPPING REPORT

TRAP	DATE SET	TEMP	DATE PULLED	TEMP	CATCH COHO TROUT				COTTID
						RBT	CUTT	0+	
1	3/1	8.0°C	3/2	8.0°C	0	0	0	0	0
2	3/1	8.0°C	3/2	8.0°C	0	0	0	0	3
3	3/1	8.0°C	3/2	8.0°C	2	0	1	0	0
4	3/1	8.0°C	3/2	8.0°C	6	0	3	0	7
			Т	OTALS:	8	0	4	0	10

#### **COMMENTS:**

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<sup>-</sup>Trap 1 was placed at the top end of the system, in an area of numerous perks and rivulets forming a shallow pool inside the timber.

<sup>-</sup>Trap 2 was placed ~ 20 m downstream of trap 1.

<sup>-</sup>Trap 3 was placed ~ 12 m downstream of trap 2. Location is still in upper end of channel.

<sup>-</sup>Trap 4 was placed downstream of trap 3 - adjacent to timber cut edge.





